

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Special Called Council Meeting

January 14, 1980
4:00 P.M.

First Floor Conference Room
Municipal Building
124 West Eight St.

The meeting was called to order with Mayor McClellan presiding.

Roll Call:

Present: Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Cooke, Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau,
Councilmembers Goodman, Mullen, Snell, Trevino
Absent: None

Mayor McClellan stated that this was a Called Special Meeting for the purposes of discussing bond proposals and considering an ordinance calling a General Obligation and Revenue Bond Election for Saturday, February 23, 1980.

Mayor McClellan said that she had deleted the civic/convention center because there would not be enough time to educate the public. The total for Water and Wastewater would be \$84,830,000 through FY 1981-82. The General Obligation package had been trimmed to \$28,015,000 and would not cause a tax increase. She was still supportive of the civic/convention center, but felt that more time was needed.

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau stated that she wanted to see a park in the Steck Avenue area and would not vote to put Steck through to Loop 360. After further discussion, it was agreed to include \$200,000 for a park in the northwest quadrant.

Councilmember Trevino asked Leonard Ehrler about parkland to be acquired in East Austin. Mr. Ehrler indicated that land was being considered on both sides of the Colorado River, including property adjacent to Lefty Craig Field and in the Montopolis area.

Councilmember Snell inquired about parkland in the northeast area, and Mr. Ehrler indicated on a map the areas under consideration.

Mr. Charlie Dunn asked that a civic center be included under revenue bonds and felt that the bond package had been drawn hastily.

Mayor McClellan disagreed and stated that public participation had been available and information presented about the proposed bond items.

Daron Butler reviewed for Mr. Dunn the process by which the Water and Wastewater program was arrived at as well as the General Obligation bonds under consideration.

A Mr. Criswell stated that money was being used which was not authorized.

Mayor McClellan disagreed and called upon Mr. Butler again for an explanation.

Mr. Butler said that the use of bond funds was in strict accord with bond counsel.

Councilmember Cooke stated that he could not support again the same items which had been on the January 20, 1979 ballot. He supported wholeheartedly airport, railroad crossings, neighborhood centers and parkland. After discussions with R.L. Hancock, he could see the need to get Electric in sync with Water and Wastewater. He could not support proposed hospital and Municipal Court bonds.

Mayor McClellan stated that serious situations were facing the City in both of those areas. She urged that those bonds be included.

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau asked how many spaces would be allocated to the professional building and what would they be paying.

Bob Spurck indicated that 143 spaces were committed at \$15 each.

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau suggested that perhaps some parking could be made available at night for the Special Events Center. She indicated a desire to go with revenue bonds for expanded parking.

Daron Butler stated that he could not recommend it as a revenue bond item, but would like to capture revenues to help pay for the facility and he would like that type of direction.

Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau requested better policing of the present parking facility.

There was discussion between Councilmember Mullen and Curtis Johnson, Director of Water and Wastewater regarding Martin Hill Reservoir and Three Points Reservoir systems and their pressure differences and elevations.

After discussion, the Council set a Work Session on Finance for 12:30 p.m., January 18, 1980 in the First Floor Conference Room, Municipal Building and an Executive Session for 5:30 p.m., January 17, 1980 in the Council Chambers.

Motion

Councilmember Goodman moved that the Council approve the Bond proposals as submitted by the Mayor with an addition of \$200,000 under Parkland for a park in the Northwest quadrant. The motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Mayor McClellan, Councilmember Goodman, Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau,
Councilmembers Snell, Trevino
Noes: Councilmembers Cooke, Mullen

The City Attorney then reviewed the order in which propositions would appear on the ballot and the necessity of dividing the proposition for Municipal Court and Police Department Complex. Following is the order agreed upon by the Council:

General Obligation Bonds

1. Parkland, Greenbelt, and Park Improvements (FY 1979-80 and 1980-81)	\$ 9,000,000
2. Brackenridge Hospital, Health, Emergency Medical Service Parking Bonds	4,485,000
3. Health and Neighborhood Centers (FY 1980-81) - Rosewood and Montopolis Centers; Far South, St. Johns and Clarks-ville Health Centers	680,000
4. Municipal Court and Police Building (FY 1980-81)	4,445,000
5. Police Vehicle Impoundment Facility	435,000
6. Railroad Crossing Safety Improvements (FY 1979-80, 1980-81, 1981-82, 1982-83, 1983-84)	4,610,000
7. Airport Terminal and Facility Improvements (FY 1979-80)	4,565,000
	<u>\$28,220,000</u>

Revenue Bonds

Water (FY 1979-80, 1980-81, 1981-82)	\$ 50,440,000
Wastewater (FY 1979-80, 1980-81, 1981-82)	34,390,000
	<u>\$ 84,830,000</u>

Electric (FY 1979-80, 1980-81, 1981-82)	<u>18,315,000</u>
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Total Revenue \$103,145,000

Total Bond Package \$131,375,000

Mayor McClellan introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SAID CITY FOR THE AUTHORIZATION OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND REVENUE BONDS, MAKING PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION AND OTHER PROVISIONS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE; SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THAT ORDINANCES BE READ ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS; AND DECLARING EN EMERGENCY.

Motion

Councilmember Trevino moved that the Council waive the requirement for three readings, declare an emergency and finally pass the ordinance effective immediately. The motion, seconded by Councilmember Goodman, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmember Goodman, Mayor Pro Tem Himmelblau, Councilmembers Snell, Trevino, Mayor McClellan

Noes: Councilmembers Cooke, Mullen

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

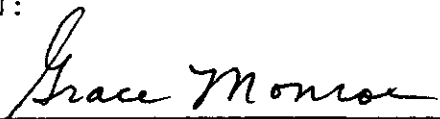
ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned its meeting at 5:20 p.m.

APPROVED


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk